

There are laws and laws, and it is the business of the State to enforce them.

But inasmuch as they cannot all be enforced at once, why does not the Superintendent exercise a little common sense in the selection of the time and place at which to begin the work of enforcement?

Why devote the whole police force to enforcing the obnoxious and often unjust provisions of the Excise law at a time when crimes of violence are epidemic?

Of what benefit is it to the citizen to have him from the wiles of the rum-shop after 1 A. M., merely to turn him over to the tender mercies of the thug and the highwayman? Far better to leave the saloon open as a refuge until the streets are made safe for pedestrians.

GREAT ADVANCE IN PENOLOGY.

The science of penology is making rapid strides these days. Charles Lundy Warner has discovered that the best means of elevating the youthful criminal is by training him in the art of accompanying peddling. Bishop Potter has discovered that high moral ideas are best inculcated "through the hide," and now comes the esteemed Rufus with another discovery, that goes to the bottom of the whole matter and teaches society how radically wrong has always been its method of dealing with offenders against its laws.

Brutality of discipline, such as is forbidden in the case of regular prisoners in State prisons, is necessary. The Sun says, in the Elmira Reformatory, an institution "devoted entirely to the most dangerous class, the youthful adult felon, men below the age of thirty, the period of a criminal's life when he commits crimes of violence, acts upon his fierce impulses and hears no voice of reflection or judgment."

At last, then, the enigma is solved. The whole trouble has been that ever since the Elmira Reformatory was founded we have been considering the young men sent there as civilized and reasonable beings. Because they were all first offenders, young clerks who had yielded to temptation, spoiled sons who had lacked paternal control, lads laid astray for once by unfortunate associations, boys of the street, driven by hunger to petty theft, we have taken it for granted that they were worth saving; that they needed guidance and encouragement, rather than punishment. We have thought to lead them by kindly treatment to a higher plane in life and especially to save them from the fatal bar of State prison.

But at last we are set right. These boys and young men upon whom we have wasted so much trouble are, to quote The Sun, "a savage class of felons," needing "much more severe punishment" than convicts in ordinary prisons. It is the duty of the State, says the Sun, to "teach these boys and young men that they are not to be trifled with, and that they are not to be trifled with."

Since Sing Sing and the other State prisons have too long monopolized our kind-ness, for the professional thieves, burglars, highwaymen, murderers, poisoners and wife-beaters, the peace and joy of Elmira and Brockway!

A PERNICIOUS PRACTICE.

It is to be hoped the story of Belle White, a young woman of twenty-five years, who died in Chicago yesterday while under treatment for her skin by a "beauty specialist," will deter some persons from the folly of risking their lives in such a senseless practice.

Recently there has been an alarming increase in the number of female victims who have submitted themselves to the quackery of "professors" who advertise to bring all complexions to an ideal perfection. The Chicago victim allowed herself to be treated with cocaine and electric brushes to remove skin blemishes and wrinkles from her skin. She died in the chair while undergoing the operation. The cocaine is supposed to have produced paralysis of the heart.

A GOOD PLACE TO WATCH.

The building at No. 12 Centre street will bear sharp watching for some time. Tammany has opened a Naturalization Bureau there, and Tammany's present necessity is in itself an indication that the machine will at least attempt to profit as in former years by making illegal votes for itself.

Since "The Evening World" has opened the eyes of the public to the extent of the frauds in naturalization, it is fair to presume that the attempt will not be made so openly this Fall, but if it is made at all, the persons who make it must be hunted down and punished.

MR. MARTIN'S BAD REPEAL.

President James J. Martin, of the Police Board, opened his mouth to refute ex-inspector Steers's statement in support of the stand taken by Supt. Byrnes, and he put his foot in it, of course.

Ex-inspector Steers, in an interview, has shown how the work of the Superintendent of Police is hampered by the interference of President Martin in this way:

I was in charge of the Department in May 1892, said the ex-inspector, on the occasion of Supt. Byrnes going out of town, the Mayor had let it be widely known that the Police Board was to be reorganized, and this being only a short time after he had been appointed to the position, I was in the Sunday President Martin came to me in his headquarters and ordered me to summon all the captains and read to them the President's order in relation to the reorganization of the Police Board. He told me that I was to give the explanation to understand that no persons were to be sent out in uniform.

When this interview was shown to President Martin he hotly declared: It is not true that I told Steers that the Police Board was to be reorganized, and that I ordered him to summon all the captains and read to them the President's order in relation to the reorganization of the Police Board. I told him that I was to give the explanation to understand that no persons were to be sent out in uniform.

And so in denying one fault another, the existence of which had long been suspected. According to his own statement, it was because the police were raiding saloons

There is a cue here for Mr. Goff. When he gets Mr. Martin before the Lexow Committee he should demonstrate just what the President of the Police Board does to discriminate, and what, if anything, is the commercial value of such discrimination.

"BITES" ON THE BEAUTIFUL SHORE.

A Memphis man, who had some enough during his lifetime to accumulate a fortune and become President of a bank, besides attaining to diverse civic distinctions, died a week ago, and directed in his will that "a line and a few hooks" be placed in his coffin "in order," he said, "that if there is any fishing in the other world I will be prepared with tackle to enjoy the sport, which has afforded me much delight in the present mode of existence."

We hope the gentleman will find lots of good fishing on the shining shores. That his thought should have been to angling in his moribund moments is a charming metaphysical illustration of his idea of what heaven ought to be. Whether he wanted the crystal celestial ripples to teem with speckled trout or striped bass, the mighty muskallonge, nobody knows, but that he hoped for a bite "over there" is certain. May the fishy darlings bite gloriously! And may he have a splendid string of them at the end of every golden day, so that he will not have to buy them at some market, on the way home!

Fishing-tackle is a good thing to take along when a man quits this world, but he ought to be pretty sure of the fishing before he adds red and line to his funeral. In this case, however, the fish does not abound with fishing grounds, for the orthodox "geography of it is all right, there are some places in the 'life here' where there is no fishing, and the rivers are not frozen over, either."

A pedestrian knocked down by a cable car was picked up by the life-saving net with which that particular car happened to be equipped yesterday and came out of his adventure unhurt. The net thus demonstrated an ability to do its part of the life-saving business. The cable car companies should now be induced to do their share by equipping all the cars with the effective apparatus.

Columbia College begins its one hundred and forty-first year to-day. Before it comes to its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, the great old school should be well established as a splendid university, the fit educational centre of the Greater New York. The surplus wealth of the metropolis could scarcely be put to better use than in bringing this condition about.

Ex-Senator Harrison will not fill Gov. McKinley's shoes in Tennessee. It is yet to be discovered that McKinley feels any unwillingness to attempt the filling of Gen. Harrison's old shoes at the White House.

Industrial peace is promised to the nation. Let us have municipal peace in New York. Turn out the bosses, whose career is one of constant conflict with the interest of good citizenship.

John Most's prospects of success on the stage are a trifle hazy. However, he is reported to be working hard, and it is well known that he can act like sixty, if he wants to.

Look out for the call for a Greater New York mass-meeting. And when the meeting is called, be there. Your work, as well as your vote, is wanted for consolidation.

Li Hung Chang's enemies have the ear of the Emperor, we are told. That's the way it goes over there, people are losing their ears and heads all the time.

Another winter draws on with the city still suffering from anomalous maladministration in the Department that pretends to dispose of the garbage.

Crocker is going to sell some trotting nags that he has no more use for. Why doesn't he dispose of his stable of used-up pantaloons at the same time?

New York wants nothing to come to it by grace of Platt or by grace of Crocker or by grace of anything but its own good citizenship.

The question as to who stabbed George Appo is one of vital importance to the Police Department and to the Lexow Committee.

New and timely version of an old lyric: "You'll never miss the pants that the Sunday saloon runs dry."

It is not intended that enforcement of the excise laws shall be a police specialty. There are other laws.

Planks for the municipal platform: Greater New York; Better New York; "Fifteen minutes to Harlem."

Mr. Goff is bound to reach bottom facts and the common offender, all by the same patient process.

The city has been boomed too much. Let it be shown now that it is too much to be boomed.

At any rate, the National League pennant issue can no longer disturb the country.

The pantaloons are forced to be unkind to many liberal contributors these days.

Perhaps Farmer Dunn will have better luck with some October-brewed cyclone.

The business in hand is to make the wicked pantaloons cease from troubling.

On a dry Sunday New York's loss is Brooklyn's gain. Also Hoboken's.

For Mayor, a man who is for a Greater and Better New York.

WORLDLINGS.

They had lawyers in ancient Babylon 2,500 years before the Christian era.

More than one and a quarter million larks are consumed every year in the restaurants of Paris.

W. G. Grace, the veteran English cricketer, has made his 50th "century" at the bat. He is now nearly fifty years of age.

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Engine Company 31 was the first on the scene. When the engine arrived the place was on fire from cellar to roof, and the flames had burst through the down windows. Chief Reimer at once ordered out a third alarm.

Twenty minutes after the discovery of the fire, there was a warning cry from Chief Reimer, and a man came running to the building and to the street, and was not given a minute to stop. The men had not yet left the factory, and the flames had filled the street with smoke and falling bricks and flying timbers.

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The cyclone has gone out to sea, and damage to this city is no longer to be feared. It is directly in the path of the big transatlantic steamers, however, and as it increased in volume and speed on taking an easterly turn it may yet do considerable damage.

Mr. Dunn said this morning that the cyclone had gone beyond the limit of observation, and it was impossible to locate its centre. He knew, however, that it was moving more rapidly across the ocean than it had at any time since it started from the West Indies.

At Sandy Hook the wind had decreased this morning from 48 miles an hour last night to 16 miles an hour, and at Hook Island from 60 to 28 miles. Locally, the wind yesterday was moving at a rate of from 20 to 25 miles an hour, and today is but 8 miles an hour.

The weather is generally clear all over the Atlantic, and west as far as the Mississippi River. A few scattered showers are reported in the Southwest, and a temperature of 52 degrees.

It was from eight to twenty-four degrees warmer over the lake regions this morning, and from eight to eighteen degrees warmer in the Western States.

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Don't spend too much of your cash on "don'ts." There are establishments from which you can rent them at low rates.

Don't tell us that you have any new plays by Sardou, when you come back from Europe. We know it. We know it.

Don't walk on Broadway if you have a good engagement. A Rialto promenade signifies that you are on the hunt.

Don't wear your stage clothes on the street. Gamblers that shine behind the footlights have a dandy aspect in the sunshine.

Don't take your make-up box from your dressing-room. Then you won't be tempted to use it in the domestic circle.

Don't tell your friends that you have made "the hit of the season." They know it; they know it.

Don't lose your diamonds, for this is a progressive age, and there are many better things to do.

Don't be more indignant when you are stated than you are pleased when commended. Both censure and praise may be equally unjust.

Don't permit traffic on the piano before 5 A. M.

Don't have the albatross window open while you discuss the disposition of the lady above or below.

Don't send the baby up or down in the dumb waiter.

Don't believe your neighbor spiteful because she dislikes your dog.

Don't turn hair combs on the top of the stove.

Don't make the fire-escape the holder of useless scraps of kitchen refuse.

Don't water the flowers while the pots are on the window sill.

Don't shake your carpets on the clothes lines nor from the window.

FAMILIAR FAMILIUS CURANTUR.

For Souvenirs.

Don't hang your lights on Magie's peg, and don't sneak the use of Lizette's make-up box, for of such is not the realm of peace and good manners.

Don't put powder on your hair, but garble your throat with it.

Don't call yourself Adelaide Ormond. You'll have less to carry with plain Kate Smith.

Don't let the world that you are better than the principal you understand. That will make her so hot she will never get sick.

Don't accept a fee for a salary when a fat rat helps you to one it.

Don't accept drives, suppers and diamonds—never, don't.

Don't be jealous, don't gossip and don't back your rival. You just must do these things; they are not ladylike and you must be a perfect lady or quit the profession.

Don't practice law before you know it.

Don't charge less than your services are worth. Don't accept a fee for a salary when a fat rat helps you to one it.

Don't tell your client's business to the public. Don't believe everything your client tells you.

Don't neglect a case because there's "not much money in it."